

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 6 are in the application, wherein claims 1, 5 and 6 stand rejected on prior art with claim 1 being rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Maloney; claim 5 being rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the published patent application of Hama in view of Peyer, et al; and claim 6 being rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hama in view of Peyer, et al., and further in view of Mitchell. The Examiner's indication of the existence of allowable subject matter in claims 2 to 4 is gratefully acknowledged.

By this amendment, claim 1 is cancelled and claim 2 is rewritten in independent form to incorporate the subject matter of claim 1 as suggested by the Examiner, whereby claims 2 to 4 are submitted as now being allowable. Also, claim 5 is hereby amended to depend from allowable claim 2, whereby claims 5 and 6 are submitted as now also being allowable.

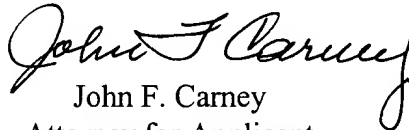
In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants believe that this application is now in allowable condition. Allowance thereof, at an early date, is respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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